(a) whether there is any project under consideration of the Union Government to link the Krishna-Godavri-Cauveri rivers;

(b) if so, the stage of the project; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) of the Government of India has prepared the prefeasibility reports of the following water transfer links to link the Godavari-Krishna-Cauvery rivers.

(I) The three links envisaged between the Godavari-Krishna are:

(i) Godavari (Polavaram)—Krishna (Vijayawada)

(ii) Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Nagarjuna Sagar)

(iii) Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Pulichintala)

(II) The three links envisaged between Krishna-Pennar are;

(i) Almatti-Pennar

(ii) Krishna (Nagarjuna Sagar—Pennar (Soma Sila)

(iii) Krishna (Sri Sailam)—Pennar (Proddatur)

(III) The link envisaged between Pennar-Cauvery is: Pennar (Soma Sila)–Cauvery (Grand Anicut).

Survey and investigation works for the preparation of the feasibility reports for Godavari (Polavaram)–Krishna (Vijaywada) link, Alamatti-Pennar link, Krishna (Nagarjuna Sagar)-Pennar (Soma Sila) link and Krishna (Sri Sailam)–Pennar (Proddatur) link have been taken up by NWDA.

Implementation of the above proposals will depend upon concurrence of the concerned State Governments and various other factors.

Technical and Vocational Institutions

4802. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more technical and vocational institutions in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Presently, there is no proposal under consideration to set up more technical or vocational institutions in Assam.

SC/ST and Women Representatives on Cantonment Boards

4803. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cantonment boards working in the country as on date;

(b) the number of SC/ST and women representatives therein, board-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to reserve seats for women in these boards; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) There are 62 Cantonment Boards in the country.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) and (d) The reservation policy for women representatives in local bodies as per 74th Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 has not been extended to Cantonment Boards. The Cantonments Act, 1924 and the existing rules do not provide for the reservation of women to Cantonment Boards. This matter is, however, under consideration of the Government in the context of the proposed amendments to the Cantonments Act.

STATEMENT

Details for Ward Reserved for SC/ST and the Names of the Members

Sl. No.	Name of the Cantonment	Reserved Ward No.	Name of the sitting Member
1	2	3	4
1	Ahmednagar	IV	Shri Bhingardive Sambhaji Ramdas
2.	Allahabad	I & III	(I) Shri Naresh Kumar (III) Shri Dinesh Kumar
3.	Ambala	II	Shri Dharminder
4.	Babina	VI	Shri Raja Ram
5.	Bareilly	VII	Shri O.M. Prakash
6.	Belgaum	VII	Dr. Dongare Madan Amarnath
7.	Danapur	VI	Shri Mahar Prasad
8.	Dehra Dun	VII	Shri Arun Kumar